



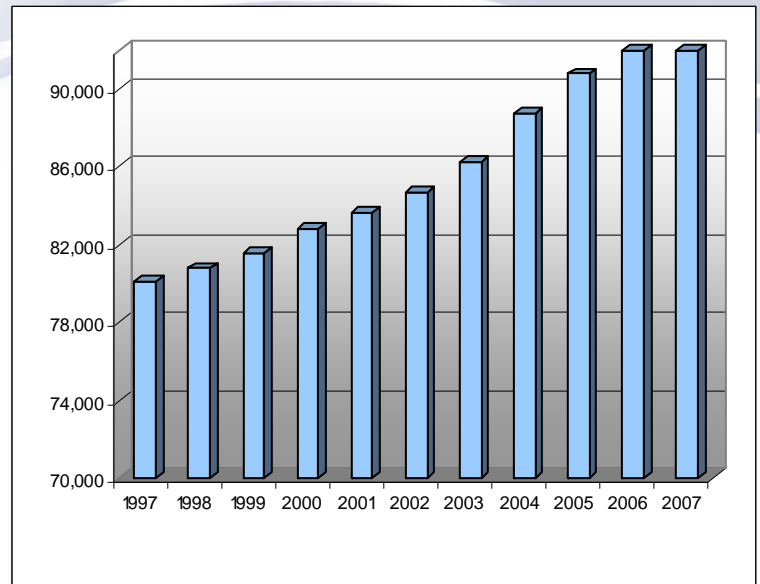
Bonneville County

October 2008

Work Force Trends

Population

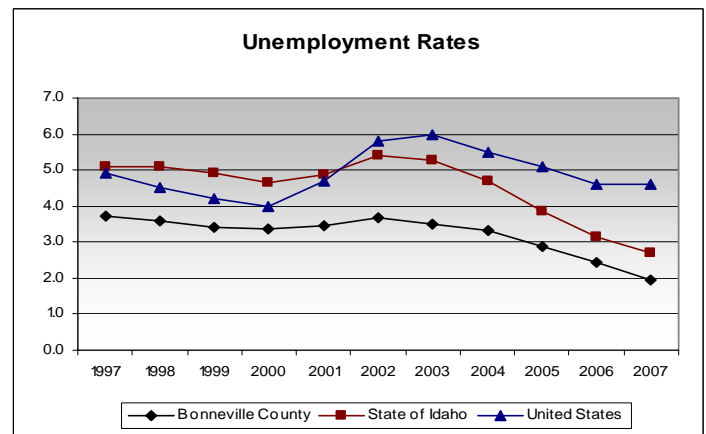
By population, Bonneville County is the fourth largest county in the state. The 1996 population estimated at 79,459 has steadily grown over the decade to an estimated 94,630, an increase of 19.1 percent or 15,171. The county has experienced steady growth since 1996 and has seen an average increase of over 2,000 per year for the past five years. The largest population increase of 2,928 came from 2005 to 2006. Besides being a medical and retail hub for a large geographic area, diversity and an emphasis on economic development continue to help the area grow. Based on the 2000 census, Bonneville and Jefferson counties were designated a metropolitan statistical area, now called the Idaho Falls MSA. Idaho Falls, the county's largest city, is the fifth largest city in the state at 52,786 in 2006.



Labor Force & Employment

Bonneville County has remained below the national and state average unemployment rates throughout the decade. With an average rate of 3.5 percent from 1996 to 2006, the county shows economic stability and independent cooperation with one of the state's largest employment sites, the Idaho National Laboratory. Economic diversification has been a top priority for the economy.

The civilian labor force, composed of those working or seeking work who are 16 years old and neither institutionalized nor in the military, increased by more than 2,700 over the decade. During the same period, unemployment decreased by over 500. The county is a regional hub for medical services and retail so the consumer pool and client base extend to many surrounding counties and several states. A skilled and dedicated work



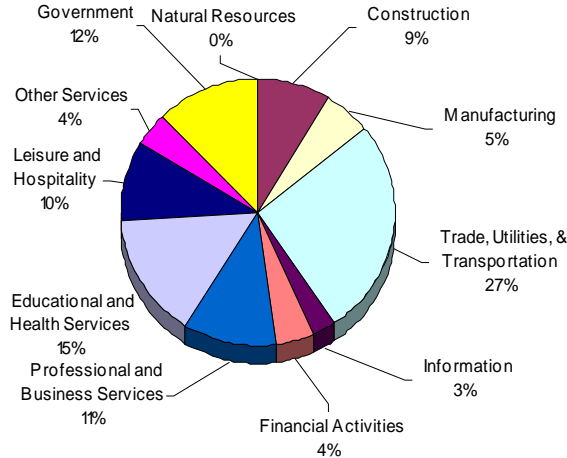
force has been cited as a plus in attracting and expanding business.

Growth in the malting industry with the entry of Grupo Modelo and the expansion of Anheuser Busch helps create stability for farmers. Professional developments are emerging throughout the Idaho Falls and Ammon area such as Taylor Crossing on the River and Snake River Landing. New, larger restaurants, more medical capability and specialists and new technology from the INL are adding to the growing economy. Construction continues to be heavy.

Labor Force	Sep 2007	Sep 2008
Civilian Labor Force	51,014	52,437
Total Employment	50,010	50,413
Unemployed	1,004	2,024
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.0	3.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.7	5.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.7	6.1

Labor Force	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Civilian Labor Force	45,402	45,936	46,507	41,612	42,707	43,579	45,690	46,722	48,594	49,407	50,715
Unemployment	1,675	1,664	1,598	1,400	1,485	1,604	1,608	1,544	1,405	1,200	997
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.0
Employment	43,727	44,272	44,909	40,212	41,223	41,975	44,082	45,178	47,190	48,208	49,718

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2007



Covered Employers

Covered employment includes employers subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Trade, utilities and transportation account for more than a quarter of the county's jobs. Of that, trade is by far the largest. Professional & business services is the next largest sector, and this is where most of the INL jobs are classified. Government and educational and health services are also significant. Manufacturing numbers have been slightly falling over the past several years, in part due to more high-tech automation and consolidation of facilities. Average employment increased by almost 2,000 from 2004 to 2005 while average annual wages increased by over \$1,000.

Major Employers (Private)

Battelle Energy Alliance
Bechtel Bettis
Bechtel BWXT
Center Partners
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Melaleuca, Inc.
Qwest Communications
Wal-Mart

Occupational Wages*	Average Wage
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerk	\$11.97
Cashiers	\$7.00
Computer Specialists	\$7.47
Construction Trades Workers	\$16.92
Customer Service Reps	\$11.61
Engineers (All)	\$39.23
Financial Clerks	\$11.92
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$6.80
Food Processing Workers	\$11.30
Information & Record Clerks	\$10.57
Laborers & Material Movers, hand	\$8.04
Law Enforcement Workers	\$17.32
Registered Nurses	\$22.68
Retail Sales Workers	\$9.32

* Wage data includes 15 counties in and around this county area. Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1997, 2006, & 2007	1997		2006		2007	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	36,182	\$24,042	47,402	\$31,880	45,845	\$30,654
Agriculture	706	\$15,334	667	\$24,744	530	\$24,420
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	2,506	\$29,213	3,628	\$31,876	3,978	\$36,161
Manufacturing	1,710	\$23,532	2,442	\$31,413	2,545	\$33,532
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	10,259	\$19,435	12,273	\$27,744	12,179	\$29,823
Information	677	\$24,142	1,235	\$36,450	1,253	\$35,248
Financial Activities	1,424	\$22,432	1,945	\$33,869	1,976	\$36,389
Professional and Business Services	5,186	\$39,020	7,893	\$47,243	5,127	\$34,837
Educational and Health Services	4,154	\$25,750	6,528	\$32,728	6,845	\$32,952
Leisure and Hospitality	3,415	\$8,751	4,129	\$10,695	4,517	\$11,023
Other Services	1,138	\$16,742	1,354	\$23,352	1,335	\$23,687
Government	4,999	\$27,922	5,303	\$35,539	5,559	\$35,677

Per Capita Income	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Bonneville County	\$20,744	\$21,643	\$22,641	\$23,663	\$25,448	\$25,930	\$27,021	\$28,528	\$30,670	\$32,348
State of Idaho	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,077	\$25,024	\$25,221	\$25,524	\$27,361	\$28,301	\$29,920
United States	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,843	\$30,574	\$30,821	\$31,504	\$33,123	\$34,757	\$36,714

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